

### **In the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6 at line 3 as follows:

FIG. 2 is a side view of the surgical instrument 10 of FIG. 1 rotated 90 degrees around axis X-X and FIG. 3 is a perspective view of working head 5. As illustrated in FIG. 3, working head 5 includes a blade 9 having a first cutting edge 11 and a second cutting edge 12 extending substantially from leading end 6 to trailing end 7. However, blade 9 need not extend completely between leading end 6 and trailing end 7. Leading end 6 can also include a collecting element 15 having a tapered distal tip 16 facing away from the trailing end 7 ~~leading end 6~~ and an opposing collecting surface 17 facing toward the trailing end 7 ~~leading end 6~~. In the illustrated embodiment, collecting surface 17 includes a first collecting surface 17a and a second collecting surface 17b. Although preferred, collecting element 15 does not need to be present in an instrument of the invention.